



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Directive 3 - 100

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Directive is to facilitate the flow of information within the Department of General Services Maryland Capitol Police (DGS-MCP) through a comprehensive Administrative Communications System.

II. POLICY

DGS-MCP will provide clear and specific, Directives, Special Orders, Personnel Orders and other written correspondence so employees may perform their duties in a consistent, efficient and effective manner.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. DIRECTIVES

1. General Orders are issued to announce adoption or revision of policies affecting the entire Department and to direct procedures for the indefinite future. They will be used specifically to adopt or revise policy in the DGS-MCP Directive Manual. Directives will supersede all other orders in conflict therewith.
2. When a Directive is issued, or revised, it will be printed and issued as soon as possible. Employees will update their manuals immediately upon receipt of any Directive in order to provide a consistently current reference.

B. SPECIAL ORDERS

1. Special Orders are issued to announce policies or procedures related to a specific circumstance or event, or a policy or procedure which is of a temporary or self-canceling nature.
2. Special Orders may be issued to govern the actions of a Detachment or Unit.
3. Examples of subject matter falling within the category of Special Orders will include:
 - a. Specific instruction to accomplish a particular objective.

- b. Temporary procedures designed to cover a special occurrence or event which is of limited duration.
- c. Directives to a specific unit or units, which do not influence the operation of others and for which no organizational change is necessary.

C. PERSONNEL ORDERS

- 1. Personnel orders are issued to announce the following:
 - a. appointment of new personnel,
 - b. reassignment or transfer of employees,
 - c. promotion or demotion of personnel,
 - d. special leave of absence (military, maternity, etc.), and
 - e. attendance at specialized schools and seminars.

D. MEMORANDA – “FORM 13”

- 1. Memoranda may be issued for the following purposes:
 - a. To disseminate information, instructions, or direct the action of subordinates in specific situations or circumstances which do not warrant a General or Special Order. Instructions and directions issued by memoranda shall not deviate from, or conflict with, established policies and procedures documented by higher authority.
 - b. To explain or emphasize portions of previously issued orders.
 - c. To inform employees of actions and policies of other agencies.
 - d. To ascertain information.

E. DETAILED REPORTS

The detailed report will be used by all personnel to transmit an official report within the Department. It will be used to report all official business whether in the form of information, explanation, suggestion, or request and will be submitted through official channels.

F. FORM OF INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

All written intra-departmental communications shall be structured in the most appropriate format described in this Directive. These formats are adequate to accommodate every need for written communication.

G. CANCELLATION AND AMENDMENT OF ORDERS

1. All orders shall remain in effect until:
 - a. a termination date specified in the directive has passed, or
 - b. the Directive is amended, superseded or cancelled.
2. Orders will be amended by the issuance of an appropriate order under a new number, containing only the language addressing the specific change, or will be rewritten as a new order or rescinding the original. An order which amends, rescinds, supersedes or otherwise refers to previous orders, rules, etc. will include the appropriate notation (order number, etc.) necessary to locate the material to be corrected or cancelled.

H. DGS - MCP POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

All Department of General Services Maryland Capitol Police correspondence being sent outside of the Department of General Services Maryland Capitol Police will be reviewed by the Detachment Commander of DGS-MCP or his designee prior to being sent. This review will follow the established chain of command within DGS-MCP.